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Construction of a road from Ezhimala to Ettikkulam, Malabar.

* 601 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that at the meeting of the Rural Welfare Committee held at Payyanur, Malabar, on 28th February 1952, it was decided to construct a road from Ezhimala to Ettikkulam in Payyanur firka, Malabar ; and

(*b*) if so, at what stage the construction of the road stands now?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Delimitation of constituencies in the State.

8-50 a.m. * 602 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have made any recommendations to the Delimitation Commission regarding the re-allocation of various constituencies in the State ; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Sri N. K. PALANISAMI :—" சமீபத்தில் Delimitation Commission கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களை Secretariat-ல் சந்தித்தது. அப்போது இந்த proposal-ஐப் பரிசீலனை செய்து சர்க்காருடைய அபிப்பிராயத்தைத் தெரிவித்ததுண்டா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I did not meet the Commission. The hon. Member has been wrongly informed."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" On an important question like this, is it not incumbent on the Government to have met the Delimitation Commission and given their recommendations? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Not at this stage. We will be asked to make our representations at a subsequent stage."

Sri S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Did the Hon. the Chief Minister meet the Delimitation Commission when he was not the Chief Minister, but only the President of the Tamil Nad Congress Committee? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The other day, to a similar question, the Hon. Minister answered that now that the delimitation proposals had been published, the Government would make their own representations. Will the House be consulted before they submit their formal representations to the Commission? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The matter is under consideration. As soon as the departments have examined the question, I shall take a decision on that point."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" The Delimitation Commission has made certain new proposals disturbing the existing seats in the State of Madras. May I know who was responsible for such kind of alterations and changes? Had the Tamilnad Congress Committee in its official capacity represented through any proposal that changes should be made? I want to know this because we are led to believe that the constituencies of the non-Congress Members in this House have been dislocated whereas the constituencies of the Congress Members have been favourably adjusted? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is not correct, Sir. No representation was made by the Tamilnad Congress Committee. Apart from that, these changes have been made by the Commission which has as its Chairman an ex-Supreme Court Judge. I don't think they will be influenced by any representation from this party or that party. They go by the census figures and also by the topography of the district concerned."

Closure of the Producers-cum-*Consumers' Co-operative Society at Iritty, North Malabar.*

* 603 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Iritty, in Kottayam taluk, North Malabar, is on the verge of liquidation and if so, what its present state is;

(*b*) since how long this society has stopped the distribution work of rationed articles;

(*c*) whether the Government have taken any steps to hand over charge of this society to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies on relief from the Civil Supplies Department;

(*d*) the reason for the delay in settling the accounts of this society with the Government and *vice versa;*

(*e*) whether any loss has been sustained by the society due to the non-settlement of the accounts of the Civil Supplies Department; and

(*f*) the present state of the criminal and civil charges of misappropriation against the ex-secretary of this society which arose during March 1952?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir. With the abolition of procurement work and due to defalcation of funds, the society found it impossible to function as an economic concern with the distribution work alone. The general body and the Board of Directors of the society have therefore decided to convert the society into a co-operative marketing society.